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In re Application of:

Heinz-Jürgen FRIESEN et al.

Application No.: 09/820,974

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For: SHEET-LIKE DIAGNOSTIC
DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Christopher L. CHIN

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)

On behalf of Dade Behring Marburg GmbH, formerly Behringwerke Aktiengesellschaft, the assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Patent No. 4,861,711, (the '711 patent), we hereby declare that:

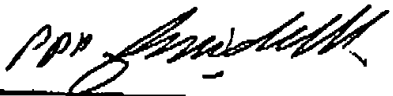
1. We executed an Original Reissue Declaration on May 7, 1996, for the parent Reissue Application No. 08/544,579, which was filed in this reissue application on March 30, 2001. In that declaration, we declared that "the '711 patent may be partly inoperative or invalid by claiming more than the patentee had a right to claim. Any error that may have occurred in claiming more than the patentee was entitled to arise without any deceptive intent on the part of the inventors or Behringwerke." See Original Declaration ¶ 6. We then recited information regarding Interference No. 103,072 as the basis for the claim amendments and the cancellation of claims 2-17 and 19-34 in the parent reissue application. See *id.* at ¶¶ 6, 7, 15, and 16.

2. We declare in this Supplemental Declaration that at least one error being relied upon as the basis for reissue under 37 C.F.R. 1.175(a)(1) was that the '711 patent is partly inoperative or invalid based on the findings of the Administrative Patent Judge in Interference No. 103,072, as claiming more than the patentee was entitled to claim.


3. We believe that every error in the '711 patent being corrected in the present reissue application, including any error not covered by the original reissue declaration or the Supplemental Declaration, submitted in this reissue application, arose without deceptive intent on the part of the inventors or the assignee, Dade Behring Marburg GmbH.

4. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,


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